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Honor Roll Announced

Eighty-eight eighth graders made the honor roll this past six weeks. Ten of these people had all A grades. They include Sandra Austin , Tammy DeValle, Tom Garland, Jody Lugar, Suzette McManus, Theresa Millek, Holly Ortman, Jean Surdy, Becky Woodhams, and Scott Timkovich.

In the seventh grade the straight A grades went to Pamela DePierre, Barbara Hande, and Colleen Kelly. Forty-seven seventh graders made the honor roll.

Fifty-five sixth graders achieved honor roll grades. The straight A's went to Pam Barich, Michele Heruck, Kim McDowell, Tracy McNeil, Mindy Racette, Jennifer Taylor, and Pam Watterworth.

by K.M.

Open House Tonight - Conferences

Open House will be held here tonight at 6:30. All parents are invited. Remember to give your schedules to your parents.

Thursday and Friday are parent-teacher conferences. Thursday they run from 8 - 12 and 1 - 3:00 p.m. Friday's conferences are from 8- 11:30 a.m. No school for students tomorrow or Friday.

by Pam and Kim

Elect Officers - Student Council

The process for elections began Oct. 21 when the slate of candidates was announced. To run a candidate had to secure ten student signatures on a petition. From October 24th through 28th these people were busy campaigning. The candidates rehearsed speeches okayed by their English teachers in a practice held October 27th after school. Friday the whole school listened in an assembly third hour to the candidates qualifications. The election itself was held during lunch periods that day. The results were announced by Mr. Pefley at the end of the day Friday.

Newly elected president of the student council is Rick Counterman. Kyle Caldwell is vice president, Sue Dent is scretary, Debbie Terry, treasurer, and Theresa Millek is ambassador. It was a closely contested election with many eighth and sixth graders running for office. Unfortunately , there were no sixth graders elected.

by J.P., D.H. &P.W.

Good Times Advisor:

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I am fat and ugly. People call me fat and ugly. What should I do to attract guys? Kinda Fat Gal

Dear Kinda,

I would suggest that you try to lose some weight, although this does not have to be accomplished by joining weight watchers or a diet club. (If you want to, make sure it's ok with your doctor.) Just be sure that when you get in phys. ed. , you work hard. (see p. 2 for more)

Representatives Elected

Election of student council representatives will take place this week. Remember you as a citizen have an obligation to give your representative your support and ideas.

Editor's Corner...

Congratulations, student council officers on your election. For those of you who would like to know what is involved in getting the office, here it is.

First, they had to check their grades, and make sure they had no lower than a C+ and no less than a 2. Then they had to get a petition from the office and get ten people and only ten, to sign it. Next they had to have a campaign manager and write up posters that had to be approved by Ms. Lundquist and speeches approved by their English teachers. Then came the speeches to the school and the election itself.

Sixth and Seventh graders- plan ahead. Now's the time to consider what you might do for next year's election and to help this year.

Ghoulish Caroling ♫ Sing Along

The following is a Halloween song, sung to the tune of "Three Blind Mice".

"Three black cats
Three black cats
See how they howl
See how they howl.
They all howl at witches who ride
On their brooms in the light of the moon.
Did you ever see such a sight in your life?
As three black cats."

Good Times Advisor

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I have a friend who smokes and it bugs me to see a friend do this and be able to do nothing for him. I have suggested that he quit, but he still insists on smoking. What do I do?

Guardian Angel

Dear G.A.,

I would suggest you remind your friend of the consequences of smoking. Also get help from other people who know him and ask them what to do. May be if he sees you really care and doesn't just think you're down on him, he'll consider quitting.

Halloween

Happy children
All decked out to scare each other,
Little ones taken out by parents,
Lured into the eerie atmosphere
Of demons, devils, and
Witches,
Electric chills run down their spines,
Enjoying the goodies put into their bags
No one can take the thrill out of it
for them.

by an 8th grader

PLAN AHEAD... Oct. 31, 1978

Halloween is just behind us, but planning for next year never hurt. Why not try something new instead of that old ghost outfit? Like your favorite star, Henry Winkler, Farrah Fawcett, Wonder Woman, the Bionic dog or anybody! Even if you don't go trick-or-treating, you could throw a party or answer the door in costume. You could also dress up like the girls in the 60's. Wear a skirt below your knees and ankle socks and a white sweater.

D.H. and R.G.

The Man

The other day upon the stair
I met a man who wasn't there.
He wasn't there again today;
I think he's from the CIA.

Kurt Lucas

Raunchy Recipes

Here are a few hints to help you use up your Halloween left-overs.

Eyeballs and saurkraut

2 c. saurkraut (any brand will do)
4 c. eyeballs
2 c. butter

Preheat oven to 350. Mix tgether eyeballs and saurkraut. Boil. Then add butter and mix thoroughly. Put in oven and bake at 350. Cool and feed to dog or cat.

Ears and Shoelaces

2 ears,
4 shoelaces (any color)

Cook in pop bottles . When done, remove bottle. Season to taste.

A.H.

Recipes for Ghoulish Left-overs continued

Bloody burgers
3 lbs. hamburger
1 pint blood (any type)
1 ground-up bat
Mix hamburger and one pint blood with well-seasoned bat. Salt pan and fry.

Puzzle answered

The answer to last month's farmer puzzle. The farmer takes the rooster across and he returns and takes the dog across. Then he returns with the rooster and takes the grain across. He returns and takes the rooster across.

Puzzle Time

Twenty people attend a play. The receipts total $20. The price for each man is $3.00, the price for each woman is $2.00, and the price foreach child is 50¢. How many people are there in each category?

by L.T.

see p. 4 for answer.

Faculty Spotlight: Mrs. Jacher

The roving reporters interviewed Mrs. Jacher, the middle school home ec. teacher. They discovered that she is married and has one daughter, a student at Western Michigan. She has been teaching for twenty five years and has taught at both the high school and the middle school. She is a Scorpio who enjoys knitting and doing crafts in her spare time.

Mrs. Jacher would have enjoyed being a nurse if she had not become a teacher. One of her favorite activities is dancing. Her favorite food is ice cream, favorite color is blue, her favorite show is The Deep, and her favorite singers are Bing Crosby and Connie Stevens. Her favorite music is jazz and she likes polkas to dance to. Her favorite sport is swimming.

by Audrey and Teresa

Hobby Corner - Beer Cans

Beer can collecting is actually kind of fun. When you collect beer cans, sometimes it's fun; sometimes it's frustrating because you get all the local kind of beer cans. Then you have to look harder.

The places to go for beer cans is either along side the road or to go to a flea market and buy them, if you can, or trade them with people.

J.P.

Faculty Spotlight: Mrs. Pfister

Two other roving reporters interviewed Mrs. Pfister, the writing lab teacher. Diane Zalewski and Linda Sirrine asked Mrs. Pfister how long she has taught and what subject she most enjoyed. She has taught for 27 years and said that social studies was her favorite subject.

Mrs. Pfister has four children and eight grandchildren. She has taught all subjects and all grades up to 8th. An interesting bit of information is the fact that she was in the fifth grade herself in the very room she now uses to teach writing and English. She graduated from PawPaw High School. Before moving here, she had gone through the fourth grade in Lansing, Michigan.

Her favorite food is steak, her favorite singer is Mel Tillis, and she likes watching "60 Minutes." A Sagittarius, Mrs. Pfister likes both orange and blue, deer when they're seen in the wild, the peace rose (a peach-colored rose), and she likes to read science fiction.

L.S. & D.Z.

Free Kittens!

Free kittens. All varieties and sizes and colors. If interested, call 657-5763 and ask for Diane.

Stop World-wide Whaling!

Help fight the world-wide killing of whales. Japan and Russia continue to kill whales for commercial use. They kill them with long-range explosive harpoons, and use factory ships that can reduce an 80-foot whale to a memory in minutes." The whales die from a harpoon head containing a time-fuse grenade which blows them apart inside. It often takes hours for them to die and more than one harpoon.

40,000 whales were killed in 1976 alone. The U.S. has banned whale killing in its waters; other countrie havenot. All 8 species are threatened with extinction.

What can you do? Sign a petition that will be presented to the governments of Japan and Russia. Stop by room 103, Ms. Ruggles' room and add your name to a petition that will be on the wall in her room.

NOVEMBER NEWS

What's happening in November in Paw Paw?

Varsity football game Nov. 4-
Boys' jr. high basketball season begins the 1977-78 season
Parent-teacher conferences- Nov.3&4
Middle School open house -Nov. 2
Yearbook staff begins first of many Monday and Thursday meetings Nov. 10
Nov. 11- picture retakes at 9:45 (be sure to bring the packet of pictures you no longer want,or your money if this is your first photo)
Veteran's Day- Nov. 11
Thanksgiving vacation- Nov. 24-25
The start of the Christmas season (only 52 shopping days left from the date of this paper.)

C.B.

The Good Timers

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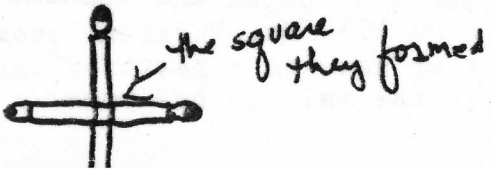
FALL FASHION FEATURE

Cowel necks are still the fashion with jeans tucked into boots. Gauchos and a vest are still current but are fading away. Jumpers and sweaters are whatevery body is wearing- every girl that is. Rugby shirts are favorites with the boys and the old tennis shoe is still popular.

by Patty R.

Puzzle answer from p.3 - At the play there were 14 children, 5 women and one man.

Last month's matchstick answer—



Spooky Rides --- but not Again

As the clock struck ten Halloween night, Spooky the cat sneaked out of the Witches' castle with the witch's magic broom. The witch looked out the door just in time to see Spooky flyng on her broom in front of the moon. Suddenly, the broom went out of control. Spooky hung on for dear life. The broom twisted and turned til Spooky was dizzy. He just barely missed the tree tops.

Well Spooky had had enough of the magic broom and wisned he were back at his spot in front of the fire.

The witch used her power to make the broom come down and soon Spooky was landing gently on the ground.

The next time he rode on the broom the witch was drining and Spooky was very glad to be just hanging onto the back.

by Jill T.

The Lady Auctioneer

Meet Pearl Noble, the lady auctioneer. As far as she knows, she is the only female auctioneer in southwestern Michigan.

Pearl has auctions at her home every first and third Sunday of the month until November. At these auctions the whole family works. These community auctions earn Pearl 20% of items under $100 and 10% over $100.

If you ask Pearl how she got into auctioning, she will say it isn't because she wanted to pioneer in women's lib. She felt the men didn't sell the dishes the way she wanted them sold so she decided to learn how to sell them her way. She doesn't sell just dishes any more. She now auctions livestock and farm auctions too.

She feels the benefit from auctioning now is the leads she gets for her new real estate office she just opened.

It isn't easy being the only female auctioneer around at least 100 miles but Pearl's making her way.

by Denice Noble,(the auctioneer's daughter)

Magic Monday Night

Monday night was Halloween and we hope you took advantage of the free magic show held at the middle school that night at 8.

K.L.

Basketball - Girls' Season Ends

Girls' basketball wraps up the season this week. Coached by Mr. Ruesink, the 8th grade team includes Sandy Austin, Holly Ortman, Karen Vesey, Jill Stiglich, Theresa Millek, Jean Sundy, Sue Dent, Peggy Burchard, Missy Barnes, Vicky Atwood, Debbie Bryant, Heidi Bertermann, Barb Brennan, Donna Clarke, Laurie Hendrickson, Lois Foraker, Pam Blacksten, Roxanne Adams, Donna Ghastin, Cheryl Crouse, Mary Haluch, Nancy Haas, Patty Zolp, Bebbie Terry, Chris Gothard, Kriss Scotese, Juliet Serbenski, Melanie Hudson and Sue Barnes.

The 7th grade team is coached by Mr. Groeland and includes Marianne Phillips, Kris Bowser, Bonnie Cooper, Lori Fisk, Sue Filipunas, Kathy Schnicariol, Lucy Ziolo, Brenda Wrona, Tony Casanto, Chris Waldo, Roberta Casasanto, Cindy Soule, Connie Canups, Vicky Dale, Jaynee Whitington, Joanne Hughes, Ann Krause, Cheryl Berry, and Kim Blok, who was playing on the team until she recently broke her arm. Now she is team manager.

The eighth grade has played a winning season having won several of their games in close competition.

Boys' Season Starts Soon —

Boys' basketball begins shortly. Boys will be given information concerning physicals which may be given at a less expensive rate. Any physical done since JUNE13 will still be valid for the season.

Survey Turns up Students' Favorite & Valuable Classes

Several Good Timers were out this last week gathering opinions to the question "What's your favorite subject and why?"

Tom Garland said "gym because you get to do a lot of things."

Kyle Caldwell chose "music -I like to put on plays and sing."

Darrell Sager said" music " for the same reason as above. Ed McKee likes " health because it's easy and you learn a lot about your health and how to help other people." Lori Kruizenga selected "music" because she'd like to be a professional singer.

Survey replies continued —

Pam Woodhams likes science "because I nejoy the teacher and the subject." Cindy Harbin picked "math because that's what I'm good at." Missy Merriam likes "science because you learn a lot." Science was a favorite with Pam Barich, Karen French, Lisa Wilson, Kim McDowell, Laura Bare, and Paul Keenan who sums up their feelings by saying " I like learning new things, things I've never learned before and that seem impossible."

Sue Harbin chose English because the teacher can take a joke. Laura Turas chose "English and art. I like drawing and in English the work is easy and you learn a lot."

Kurt Lucas's choice is "science -it is fun and educating." Agreeing with Kurt are Jodie Lugar, Kris Bowser, Mark Nolen, and Dave Meconi. Dave says" we do experiments and dissections." Chuck Muvrin, Chris Allen, and Barbe Hande also elected science as their favorite with Chris saying "I don't know why. I just like it."

Howard Capone's favorite is reading lab. "because it's a fun class." Jim Cox prefers "shop because I like woodworking." John Pugsley likes "gym because I like sports and I like running around."

The MOST VALUABLE class is seen a little differently. Laurie Hendrickson says " English because you use the language you speak and the you need the spelling." Mark Serbenski selects" science and social studies because I want to be a pilot and they have to know maps , weather etc." Michele Herwick thinks gym's valuable" I want to be a gymnast." James Turas chose Citizenship. "It tells you how to deal with life." Shawn Thompson chose"math . You use it more often." Health is Tammie Smith's choice "so you can take care of yourself and be a perfect person like me (well, almost perfect)" English is Nancy Livingston's choice "because if you want to be a secretary, you'll need it." Jodie Lugar chose both math and English "because you need them both in most everything." Mark Nolen reflected the choices of most students when he said "writing lab., math , and science. " Howard Capone explains "amth because I want to be an electronics engineer.

The third section of the survey will be in the December Good Times. Let us know what you think. Stop in room 103 with your ideas. "What changes, if any, would you like to see at Michigan Avenue?"